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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2430

INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 0719

E.O. 11652: NGDS

TAGS: MASS, MY

SUBJ: M-16 PURCHASE

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 7502 (B) KUALA LUMPUR 5557

1. COLT REPRESENTATIVE ROB ROY CALLED AT EMBASSY
FEB 9 TO REPORT THAT DELIVERY OF INITIAL 41,000
M-16'S (REF B) GOING WELL. 7500 RIFLES WERE DELIVERED
TWO WEEKS AGO AND IN NEXT FEW DAYS ISSUE TO TROOPS
SHOULD BEGIN.

2. GOM HAS OPTION TO PURCHASE 20,000 MORE M-16'S AT
SAME PRICE AS FIRST BATCH AND HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO
CONCLUDE CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY FOR MORE THAN 20,000 IF
POSSIBLE. ROY HAS TELEGRAPHED COLT HARTFORD OFFICE
TO SEE WHETHER SALE OF LARGER AMOUNT AT OLD PRICE
COULD BE ALLOWED. HE THOUGHT HE MIGHT GET APPROVAL
FOR ADDITIONAL 5,000 RIFLES. FOLLOWING THAT CONTRACT NEW
CONTRACT WILL THEN
HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED FOR FURTHER PURCHASES AT HIGHER
PRICE AND HE EXPECTS THAT IN ANOTHER MONTH THERE WILL BE
CONTRACT FOR AT LEAST 20,000 MORE. HE ALSO REPORTED
THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE CONTINUING ABOUT PROPOSAL TO
ASSEMBLE RIFLES HERE BUT NO DECISION.

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3. ROY COMMENTED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE MORE INTEREST THAN EVER IN ARMS ACQUISITION. FOR EXAMPLE, MEETING THIS MORNING AT MIN DEF WAS CHAIRED BY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS GHAZALIE SHAFIE. FURTHERMORE, GOM WISHES TO PURCHASE 2,000 M-203 GRENADE LAUNCHERS FROM COLT IN NEAR FUTURE AND WILL SHORTLY BE APPROACHING EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER ON 40 MM AMMUNITION FOR GRENADE LAUNCHERS. HE HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS JUST SENT FINANCE MINISTRY FOR APPROVAL A PROPOSED TENDER FOR 96 MILLION ROUNDS OF 5.56 AMMUNITION.
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